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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BILATERAL OPERATION BETWEEN U.S. COAST GUARD  
AND COLOMBIAN NAVY

1. RECENTLY THE AMBASSADOR HAS CONVERSED WITH HIGH LEVEL  
COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS, NAMELY THE PRESIDENT, MINISTER OF JUSTICE,  
AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING A JOINT  
OPERATION BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND COLOMBIAN NAVY ON THE  
NORTH COAST OF COLOMBIA.

2. BRIEFLY THE OPERATION WOULD BE THAT THE U.S. COAST GUARD  
VESSELS TAKE ON A SMALL CREW OF COLOMBIAN NAVY AND A A BOARDING  
PARTY. C.G. VESSELS WOULD PATROL COLOMBIAN WATERS AND BE  
SUPPORTED BY DEA INTELLIGENCE, LOCATE SUSPECT VESSELS, AND  
TRANSPORT THE COLOMBIAN BOARDING PARTIES TO THE SUSPECT  
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VESSELS.

3. ON 1/18/78 THE PRESIDENT ADVISED THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL THAT THIS BILATERAL OPERATION HAD HIS APPROVAL,  
AND INSTRUCTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COORDINATE THE  
PROJECT. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS CONTACTED THE  
COLOMBIAN NAVY AND HAS STATED THAT THE NAVY IS VERY

ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.

4. ON 1/5/78 SAIC BURNETT AND ENOA PROGRAM MANAGER BRUCE VAN MATRE SOPKE WITH ADMIRAL DURFEY IN MIAMI ABOUT A POSSIBLE OPERATION WITH THE COLOMBIAN NAVY. ADMIRAL DURFEY STATED THAT AN OPERATION, AS SUCH, WAS A POSSIBILITY AND THAT HE WOULD ADVISE COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS OF A POSSIBLE FORTHCOMING PROPOSAL.

5. DEA HQTS AND S/NM ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO CONTACT U.S COAST GUARD ON THIS PROPOSAL. IF THE COAST GUARD OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THERE IS POTENTIAL, THEN THE U.S. MISSION IN BOGOTA RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

A. TWO COAST GUARD OFFICIALS TRAVEL TO BOGOTA ON 2/1/78 FOR A MEETING WITH MISSION ELEMENTS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF COLOMBIA, AND COLOMBIAN NAVY OFFICIALS.

B. ONE COAST GUARD INTELLIGENCE OFFICER BE ASSIGNED TO BOGOTA SAP TO WORK WITH MIAMI AIR WING AND BOGOTA DEA AGENTS ASSIGNED TO OPERATION STOPGAP IN CARTAGENA. THIS OFFICER WOULD BE ABLE TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NORTH COAST OF COLOMBIA AND BRIEF THE COAST GUARD ON ANY PROBLEMS THAT HE MAY FORSEE.

C. DEA HQTS. ADVISE IF AN OPERATION AS SUCH, WOULD POSSIBLY VIOLATE THE MANSFIELD AMMENDMENT. FROM SAIC BURNETT. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY DEA ONLY. AGENCIO

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